

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1.-7. (Canceled).
8. (New) A method of mitigating the adverse effects of antiviral agents in HIV therapy comprising the steps of:
 - (1) administering to an HIV-infected subject at least one antiviral agent until HIV is suppressed,
 - (2) discontinuing antiviral therapy,
 - (3) administering a dsRNA, then, when HIV values increase,
 - (4) resuming antiviral treatment with the at least one antiviral agent.
9. (New) The method of claim 8 wherein in step (1) a dsRNA is administered with said antiviral agent.
10. (New) The method of claim 8 wherein in step (1) HIV values are suppressed to a value below detection.
11. (New) The method of claim 10 wherein the value is less than 50 copies/ml of HIV plasma RNA.
12. (New) The method of claim 8 wherein two or more anti-retroviral agents are used.
13. (New) The method of claim 12 wherein the anti-retroviral agent is selected from abacavir, amprenavir, zidovudine, combivir, zalcitabine, lamivudine, didanosine, trizivir, stavudine, lopinavir, efavirenz, nevirapine, indinavir, delavirdine, ritonavir, saquinavir, nelfinvir and tenofovir.
14. (New) The method of claim 8 where the dsRNA is $rI_n \cdot r(C_{12}U)_n$, Poly A · Poly U or $rI_n \cdot r(C_{29},G)_n$, in which r is ribo and n has a value of 4 to 29.
15. (New) A method of mitigating the adverse effects of antiviral agents in HIV therapy comprising the steps of:
 - (1) administering to an HIV-infected subject at least one anti-retroviral agent until HIV is suppressed,
 - (2) discontinuing antiviral therapy,
 - (3) administering a dsRNA, then, when HIV values increase

(4) resuming antiviral treatment with the at least one anti-retroviral agent.

16. (New) The method of claim 15 wherein in step (1) HIV values are suppressed to a value below detection.

17. (New) The method of claim 16 wherein the value is less than 50 copies/ml of HIV plasma RNA.

18. (New) The method of claim 15 wherein two or more anti-retroviral agents are used.

19. (New) The method of claim 18 wherein the anti-retroviral drug is selected from abacavir, amprenavir, zidovudine, combivir, zalcitabine, lamivudine, didanosine, trizivir, stavudine, lopinavir, efavirenz, nevirapine, indinavir, delavirdine, ritonavir, saquinavir, nelfinvir and tenofovir.

20. (New) The method of claim 15 where the dsRNA is $rI_n \cdot r(C_{12}U)_n$, Poly A · Poly U or $rI_n \cdot r(C_{29},G)_n$, in which r is ribo and n has a value of 4 to 29.